

BOOK NOTICE

How To Know The Spiders, by B. J. Kaston. Wm. C. Brown Company, Dubuque, Iowa, July, 1953. Offset printed. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. vi + 200 pages. Paper cover, spiral binding, price \$2.25. Cloth binding \$3.00.

This excellent book is the latest in the Pictured-Key Nature Series and is certainly one of the best. The apparent objective of this series, of presenting the forms of life in such manner that the student with a bare background of natural science can grasp a good understanding of the forms, is very well accomplished in this book. A non-specialist can become very familiar with the spiders, with the aid of this book. This is not a manual in the common sense of the word, but rather the key to the world of spiders. This book can easily become the missing link between the naturalist and Comstock's Spider Book (and Gertsch's excellent revision), which will probably continue to be the standard reference. The myriad of line drawings, all by Mrs. Kaston, provide a most impressive feature of this work, leading one to conclude that children are not the only worthwhile products of a successful marriage.

If a recommendation were needed, it should be that the naturalist purchase the cloth bound volume. The slight additional investment will assume permanency of a well of information that will never run dry.—F. A. S.